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1. Since the end of June, Albanian minority groups in such Montenegrin towns as Bar, Ulcinj, et cetera, have been surveilled, persecuted and evacuated from coastal areas by Yugoslav military authorities.
2. Numerous Montenegrin Communists, some of them of Albanian extraction, are reported to have fled into Albania as a result of the rift between Marshal Tito and the Cominform. Among this group are numbered former government officials of the Federated Republic of Montenegro. One group has gathered in Shkoder and are in secret contact with the Soviet Military Mission in Durres (several members of which previously belonged to the Soviet Naval Mission formerly at Split).
3. Both the Albanian and Yugoslav military forces along the borders have been reinforced, especially along the banks of the Bojana river, and are held in a "state of emergency".
4. Fishing on Lake Scutari has been practically suspended since August. The Yugoslavs maintain naval control of the lake with motorboats armed with machine guns.

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